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<b>TRANSMITTAL LETTER TO THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US) CONCERNING A SUBMISSION UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371</b>		ATTORNEY'S DOCKET NUMBER <b>AI-422NP</b> U.S. APPLICATION NO. (if known, see 37 CFR 1.5) <b>10/590570</b>
INTERNATIONAL APPLICATION NO. PCT/JP2005/016831	INTERNATIONAL FILING DATE 13 September 2005	PRIORITY DATE CLAIMED 16 September 2004
TITLE OF INVENTION <b>EXPANDABLE SHAFT</b>		
APPLICANT(S) FOR DO/EO/US <b>Ryouichi Tokioka et al.</b>		
Applicant herewith submits to the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) the following items and other information:		
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20. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other items or information: Return Receipt Postcard 11 sheets of Formal Drawings (Figs. 1-13) - International Search Report, Form PCT/IB/306 & 304 - Claim for Priority documents: The right of priority are claimed under 35 USC §119 of Japanese Application No. 2004-270148 filed September 16, 2004;					
The following fees have been submitted				CALCULATIONS	PTO USE ONLY
21. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Basic national fee (37 CFR 1.492(a)) ..... \$300				\$ 300.00	
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23. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Search fee (37 CFR 1.492(b)) If the written opinion of the ISA/US or the international preliminary examination report prepared by IPEA/US indicates all claims satisfy provisions of PCT Article 33(1)-(4) .....\$0 Search fee (37 CFR 1.445(a)(2)) has been paid on the international application to the USPTO as an International Searching Authority .....\$100 International Search Report prepared by an ISA other than the US and provided to the Office or previously communicated to the US by the IB.....\$400 All other situations.....\$500				\$ 400.00	
TOTAL OF 21, 22 and 23 =				\$ 900.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional fee for specification and drawings filed in paper over 100 sheets (excluding sequence listing in compliance with 37 CFR 1.821(c) or (e) or computer program listing in an electronic medium) (37 CFR 1.492(j)). The fee is \$250 for each additional 50 sheets of paper or fraction thereof.					
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48 - 100 =	/50 =		x \$250.00	\$	
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CLAIMS	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE		
Total claims	23 - 20 =	3	x 50.00	150.00	
Independent claims	1 - 3 =		x		
MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM(S) (if applicable)			+		
TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS =				\$ 1,050.00	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Fees above are reduced by ½.					
SUBTOTAL =				\$ 1,050.00	
Processing fee of \$130.00 for furnishing the English translation later than 30 months from the earliest claimed priority date (37 CFR 1.492(i)).				\$	
TOTAL NATIONAL FEE =				\$ 1,050.00	
Fee for recording the enclosed assignment (37 CFR 1.21(h)). The assignment must be accompanied by an appropriate cover sheet (37 CFR 3.28, 3.31). \$40.00 per property +				\$ 40.00	
				\$	
TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED =				\$ 1,090.00	
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filed and granted to restore the International Application to pending status.

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<b>Effective on 12/08/2004.</b> <b>Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).</b> <b>FEE TRANSMITTAL</b> <b>For FY 2005</b>		<b>Complete if Known</b>	
<input type="checkbox"/> Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27		Application Number	Not Yet Assigned
		Filing Date	August 24, 2006
		First Named Inventor	Ryouichi Tokioka
		Examiner Name	Not Yet Assigned
		Art Unit	N/A
<b>TOTAL AMOUNT OF PAYMENT</b>		<b>Attorney Docket No.</b>	<b>AI-422NP</b>

**METHOD OF PAYMENT (check all that apply)**

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**FEE CALCULATION**

**1. BASIC FILING, SEARCH, AND EXAMINATION FEES**

Application Type	FILING FEES		SEARCH FEES		EXAMINATION FEES		Fees Paid (\$)
	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)	
Utility	300	150	500	250	200	100	
Design	200	100	100	50	130	65	
Plant	200	100	300	150	160	80	
Reissue	300	150	500	250	600	300	
Provisional	200	100	0	0	0	0	

**2. EXCESS CLAIM FEES**

Fee Description	Fee (\$)	Small Entity Fee (\$)
Each claim over 20 (including Reissues)	50	25
Each independent claim over 3 (including Reissues)	200	100
Multiple dependent claims	360	180

<b>Total Claims</b> <u>23</u> - 20 = <u>3</u> x <u>50.00</u> = <u>150.00</u>	<b>Extra Claims</b> <u>3</u> x <u>50.00</u> = <u>150.00</u>	<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b> <u>150.00</u>	<b>Multiple Dependent Claims</b> <b>Fee (\$)</b> <u>          </u> <b>Fee Paid (\$)</b> <u>          </u>
<b>Indep. Claims</b> <u>1</u> - 3 = <u>          </u> x <u>          </u> = <u>          </u>	<b>Extra Claims</b> <u>          </u> x <u>          </u> = <u>          </u>	<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b> <u>          </u>	<b>Fee Paid (\$)</b> <u>          </u>

HP = highest number of total claims paid for, if greater than 20.  
 HP = highest number of independent claims paid for, if greater than 3.

**3. APPLICATION SIZE FEE**

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<u>48</u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u> / 50 (round up to a whole number) x <u>          </u>	<u>          </u>	<u>          </u>

**4. OTHER FEE(S)**

Non-English Specification, \$130 fee (no small entity discount)

Other (e.g., late filing surcharge):

1631 Basic National Stage fee	300.00
1633 National Stage Examination Fee - all other ...	200.00
1642 National Stage Search Fee - search report ...	400.00
8021 National Stage recording each patent assignment, ...	40.00

<b>SUBMITTED BY</b>			
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